

A complete set of the claims, with status identifiers, is set forth on the following pages.

- 1-16. (Cancelled)
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 39, further comprising a flange that is removably fastened to said slide.
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said ejector has a driver element extendable in a direction toward the counter-holder and engaging a seating of the ejector sleeve that is arranged to be displaceable along a counter-holder.
21. (Cancelled)
22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein a cutting knife of the at least one cutting tool is fixedly or rotatably arranged on a mounting of said slide, said rotatable arrangement having a roller bearing.
23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein a cutting knife of at least one cutting tool is arranged free wheeling.
24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein a cutting knife of the at least one cutting tool is rotatable and is driven with a preselectable rotation speed.
25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said at least one cutting tool is resiliently, compliantly mounted in said flange against a feed movement of said cutting knife.
26. (Cancelled)
27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said tube is mounted free wheeling on said counter-holder and is rotated by power-operation by a left and a right guide roller.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Previously Presented) Apparatus for cutting tubes comprising:

- a counter-holder arranged to receive a tube,
- said counter-holder having an ejector sleeve mounted thereon, wherein said ejector sleeve is movable along the counter-holder,
- a cutting tool that is movable to a cutting position during a cutting process,
- a slide carrying the cutting tool and carrying an ejector, having a driving element that can travel in a direction toward the counter-holder and engaging a seating of said ejector sleeve, and
- a programmable control to control the movement of said slide, said cutting tool and said ejector sleeve,

wherein the movement of said slide is controlled between an initial position and an ejector position and for cutting the tube, the cut-off lengths of tubular sleeves are freely settable by moving said cutting tool on said slide and for ejecting the cut-off lengths of tubular sleeves, the slide is positioned in an ejector position for actuating said driving element to engage said seating of said ejector sleeve to strip off the sleeve or sleeves from the counter-holder when moving the slide from the ejector position to the initial position.

40. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said slide is moved on said ~~said~~ a guide parallel to said counter-holder by an actuating drive in dependence on a programmable cut length of said tube.